

We (the COVID 19 leadership team) have discussed changes to the Govt policy of removing all COVID 19 legal requirements and are recommending the following best practices for worship services from 25/07/21 These are to be relayed to members of the church on Sunday 18/07/21 via the notices.

- Hand sanitising points will remain in place in the church building.
- Good general cleaning will remain in place as will touch point cleaning before any church activities.
- Whilst wearing masks may not be legally mandated, Govt. advice is that they are worn in crowded and enclosed spaces, including churches. The onus is being placed on individuals to act responsibly.
- In the church building, the chairs will be set out in a way to accommodate those who wish to sit together and anyone who wants to maintain a reasonable distance from others.
- Stewards will be on hand to explain seating arrangements to all attending (stewards will be expected to wear a face covering).
- Following NHS recommendations, we will be continuing with NHS 'track and trace' for those who wish to use the QR app or give their details following GDPR (although this is no longer mandatory)
- All possible windows will be open before the service and remain open to facilitate good ventilation.
- All restrictions on singing in church have been lifted by the Govt. In keeping with our need to seek to keep everyone safe and establish a comfortable atmosphere for all, we will be strongly encouraging continuing the wearing of face masks during the service including when singing.
- The side doors of the church will be opened for anyone who wishes to use a separate exit route.
- Screening and distancing of the music group and those taking part in praying, reading and bringing the word will remain in place.
- Church zoom will remain for those who do not wish to attend the church building.
- We will not be offering refreshments after the service and members will be encouraged not to spend time chatting after the service.
- Sunday school will remain online. Any children attending church will be asked to remain seated with their parents/carers.

- Special arrangements are underway concerning communion. These will include the use of individual cups and also pots for individual pieces of bread. These will be offered to the members of the church by a steward, who will be keeping good hygiene practices when preparing, and wearing a mask when serving.
- All food banks control measures will, remain as they are.